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Salt Lake during a little more than wouldn't permit him to do so. of omission and of commission, will tions. be pardoned if they retire to some se-

ter of the couch. About eighteen months ago he was law enforcement to.

And now, in the second month of the been thwarting his excellent desires. A city campaign year, Mayor Thompson has the chief while we erect a statue suddenly remembers the pledges made bas the chief while we erect a statue of the mayor in the act of reaching for him by his party and by him on behalf of his party. He has wanted Isn't that a perfectly fair surmise to keep the saloons closed on Sunday, for the stranger? We wot that it is, he has wanted gambling stopped all but the people who have been living in the time, but the cruel chief of police three years of Mayor Thompson have there is not a suggestion in any mesa different kind of wot coming to them. sage of the mayor to the council that Those who know the mayor, his sins the chief was refusing to obey instruc-

Are there reasons for skepticism cluded spot and gently wink the other about the mayor's sincerity now? Verily there are no reasons for believing The Herald has no desire to be un- that he is sincere. His recent action ouly critical, but Mayor Thompson has smacks so strongly of politics that the fooled a majority of Salt Lakers once people can put no faith in it whatever. or twice and few of them desire to go And in conclusion The Herald desires through the experience again. "When to say that it thoroughly endorses the the devil was sick the devil a monk closing of the gambling houses. We would be; when the devil was well, the trust they will be kept closed, but at devil a monk was he." We have seen the same time we must insist that the deathbed repentance before, with Mayor Thompson and the representa-Mayor Thompson occupying the cen- tives of the party to which he belongs are not the proper individuals to trust

mighty sick. Doctor Dennis Eichnor, They have been tried and found physician in ordinary and in extraor- wanting more than once and they are dinary, called Dr. Joe Lippman and not entitled to another trial.

MR. BARNES' MINING COMPANY BILL.

A BILL OF MORE than ordinary of the measure is to protect the incaped general public notice, is that introduced in the senate by Mr. Barnes. If passed it will require all mining companies to file semi-annual state ments with the secretary of state. These statements are to show, in detail, the condition of the companies, so that every citizen may know whether or not they are sound.

At least eleven different items must be covered. They include the name of of last annual meeting, acreage of ownership, amount of capitalization, amount of indebtedness, fixed and floating; amount of assets represented by cash on hand and ore in transit, amount and character of development work for period covered by report, amount of dividends earned, amount ments paid.

most important are, of course, those stock therein on the unwary. relating to indebtedness and assets. The rest are merely collateral, for it and similar means adopted for gulling would be obviously impossible to give the public. the proposed law requires. The object about the value of mining stocks.

nocent investor from the wiles of the mine promoter.

Perhaps an amendment requiring the publication of the statements in some newspaper of general circulation should be incorporated in the bill, but even without such an amendment the measure is a sound one. The records of the secretary of state are easily accessible to all citizens, and if men invest money in mining companies without looking up those records they are the corporation, names of officers, date not entitled to much sympathy if they lose their money.

Considerable ado has been made from time to time about dishonest methods pursued on the mining stock exchange for the purpose of raising or lowering stock quotations, but the mine owners themselves have not been entirely blameless. It is a matter of common of dividends paid, amount of assess- knowledge that within the last year or two companies have been organized Of these eleven requirements the merely for the purpose of unloading the dends have been paid from overdrafts

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TO KEEP BARBER SHOPS CLEAN.

IN THE MULTITUDE of bills now | and frequently, and for failure to do before the Utah legislature there so the proprietor of the shop in which are many which have no claim to seri- the law infraction occurs shall be ous consideration, but Representative prosecuted for maintaining a public Haslem of Salt Lake county has in- nuisance. Licenses may be revoked for troduced one that may, with all pro- convictions of crime, for drunkenness, priety, be enacted into law. It pro- incompetency or for keeping the shop ides for protecting the public from and tools in an unsanitary condition. the many diseases which may be acquired in badly kept barber shops. of fees which, though not large enough Competent physicians have expressed to work any hardship on the barbers, the opinion that few things lend them- should be more than sufficient, in the selves more readily to the propagation aggregate, to meet all the expenses of of disease than barber shops that are not properly managed.

Mr. Haslam, who is himself a barber, and who may be depended upon not made too sweeping. As a matter of to impose any irksome restrictions upon his fellow craftsmen, has incorporated some good ideas in his bill. The customer; they should be made to stermeasure creates a board of three examiners, to be appointed by the gov- their equipment every time it is used. ernor, to examine all applicants for But no law, however stringent, is of certificates as barbers, such certificates any avail unless it is rigidly enforced. being a pre-requisite to beginning work. Each applicant must be at least 19 years old, free from any contagious disease and competent to take care of his patrons in the best possible man-

Provisions are made for the collection the board of examiners.

The provisions of the bill regarding cleanliness and sanitation cannot be fact, barbers should not be allowed to use the same towel on more than one lilize their razors and the balance of The Haslam bill should designate some officer whose sole duty it shall be to see that the law is obeyed. That officer must be a man who will do his full duty.

All the implements of the trade must be cleansed and disinfected regularly ter not to cumber the statutes with the law. We have enough dead letters on the books as it is.

POST CHECK CURRENCY BILL REPORTED.

THE CONGRESSIONAL committee, on the bills so that they can be imon postoffices and post roads, mediately converted into checks. which has been considering the Post check currency bill, has reported the Lake wishes to send \$5 to William measure favorably and the indications Robinson of Ogden, he writes the name are that it may become a law at this of Mr. Robinson on the space provided is taken by the national lawmakers it name on the proper line. Then he aftrying for many months to secure a body but William Robinson can col-lect the money legally and it can be much-needed reform in the postal sys-

They are now, as they have always been, entitled to the cordial support of every individual who finds it necessary at times to send money or its man his own money order office for sums of five dollars or less. If adoptof visiting the postoffice for small in the hands of the public. orders and will relieve the overworked employes of that department of a considerable amount of labor.

For the benefit of those who may not be informed on the subject, a brief as he would use any other kind of explanation of the Post check idea money. The system is one that should should be made here. The bill authorizes the issuance by the government of izes the issuance by the government of currency in the form of \$1, \$2 and \$5 bills, in size the same as those now in use, or practically so, but different in form. Blank spaces are to be left

For instance, if John Jones of Salt

session of congress. If such action for that purpose and signs his own will mean a well-earned victory for fixes a 2-cent postage stamp to the some loyal citizens who have been bill and cancels the stamp. Then nosent through the mails just as safely as any other check.

Robinson collects his money at any bank. The bank, after accumulating a certain amount of the notes, forequivalent through the mails. In brief, wards them to the nearest sub-treas-Post check system makes every ury, where they are redeemed and canceled, and new notes issued to maintain the circulation ratio. In this way ed it will do away with the necessity a supply of clean money is always kept

(February Lippincott's.)

A miner died a natural death and went straightway to his reward. He was not the first Troanduyker to die a natural death, but he was, so far as the narrator had been able to ascertain, the only one to land with his outfit on the Shining Shore. When this pioneer prospector had been there a long, long while, another miner knocked for admission.

"You can't come in," said the good man at the gate. "We have one miner here now, and he has ruined the streets. Turn a corner suddenly on the way to choir practice and you'll fall into a prospect hole. Besides, he is ever dissatisfied. No matter how good the claim, he will abandon it and go grubbing in another place. No, you can't come in."

"Now, see here, Pete," said the applicant, "I'm no parachute jumper, an' i don't want to take no chances on a long drop. You let me in, and I'll not only agree to work myself, but I'll undertake to git that duck out o' these diggin's inside of an hour. You don't know me. I'm a miner all right, but I don't do no work. I'm the walkin' boss—see."

"All right," said Peter, turning the key slowly. "but if you fail, you go."

The newcomer peered down the shaft where the restless prospector was working and coughed. He picked up a pearl and let it fall on the miner's wing, and the top.

"What have you got?" asked the man at the top.

"Four walls of solid gold," replied the In the event that the holder of Post checks does not desire to send them through the mails, he can use them in the ordinary course of business, just appeal with special strength to the people of the west, where the communi-

A REALLY PHILANTHROPIC MARQUIS,

France and the United States should ters of neglect, the rags of misfortune, combine for the purpose of keeping the the countenance of despair, but it is

be seriously considered. Those Castellanes must think, since Boni came over her and butted a hole through the good affectionate. But we feel sure he will pardon us if we decline to enter
Wonder of wonders, also mirabile dictu! The Salt Lake mining stock exchange is to be made a house of prayer. Dean Eddy has been given permission to hold religious meetings during the monthour there for the two weeeks immediately preceding Easter Sunday. It is likely that some of the conservative members will protest against this dealing in futures, but all of the brokers should be mightly pleased at the opportunity to do assessment work on their claims to salvation.

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Wells from exhibiting himself at the governor was mightly put out over it, too. He has The Herald's sincerest sympathy in his hour of affliction.

Many a bright and promising business man has failed because he tried to travel in too swift a class, whereas, had he lived within his means, he might have become a highly successful merchant. The world doesn't give up its treasures should be mightly pleased at the opportunity to do assessment work on their claims to salvation.

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"Possibly," agreed the senator. "Soap
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you'd have to use pumice stone at least."

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SHORT STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE

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BEING A GOOD FELLOW.

Writer Declares That It Is a Losing Game in the End.

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A well known lawyer and writer, a resident of New York state, who has long since passed away, used to tell a joke on himself. His story was to the effect that he called for a bootjack at a country hotel at which he stopped. Now, this lawyer and writer had very large feet, and the hostler to whom he made the request, after casting a glance at the big boots, exclaimed: "Why, man, it isn't a bootjack you want for those! You need the fork of the road." What is believed to be a new story of the late Senator Evarts has been dug up. In the early days of the Hays administration, when Mr. Evarts was secretary of state, the members of the cabinet were discussing matters in an informal way one morning, when the president mentioned that he had made a few appointments without consulting his official family, the appointees being personal friends. All the places filled happened to be within the state department. Secretary Evarts turned to John Sherman and said, with a twinkile in his eye: "I have often heard and read about the western reserve of Ohio, but I must confess that I have never seen any of it."

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Representative Ruppert of New York had a man in his district who wanted a job, says the World. He tried hard to land him, but the man didn't jibe with the civil service, and Representative Ruppert was finally compelled to write to the aspirant and tell him he couldn't get the place at this time. He received this reply: "cannot close without again acknowledging my thanks. No language is rich enough to express my gratitude. No sentiment, however sublime, is lofty enough to reveal the obligation I feel. Though I go down in defeat, its gloom never can get so dark that to me your friendship will not be a source of joy and pride and an inspiration to ever higher thought and action. God grant, and I cannot help but believe he will spare me, that again some day I may help to crown you." An Episcopal clergyman of Cincinnati was being shaved by a barber who was addicted to occasional sprees, says a writer in Saxby's Magazine. The razor manipulator cut the parson's face quite considerably.

"You see, Jackson, that comes from taking too much drink," said the man of God.

"Yes, sah," replied Jackson, "it makes de skin very tendah, sah. It do for a fack."

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Until failing health somewhat cooled his temper and took the edge off his tone of the wittest and most sarcastic speakers in the United States. He was especially quick and sharp at repartee, a git that made him much feared by most of the members of the Kepublican side of the members of the members of the Kepublican side side of the members of the members of the members of the members

me?"
"It is, oh benighted brother, and I could say more, only my time here is limited."
In precisely thirty-eight minutes from the advent of the newcomer the prospector was out and the walking boss had jumped his claim. (Chicago News.)
One-sided quarrels never last long.
Well-bred people are not always of the

can't do until he tries.

Success is the only road on the map that leads to prosperity.

Automobiles and lynching parties travel at a break-neck pace.

If money talks, the change that is coming to you must be back talk.

The wise man enjoys the little he has while the fool is seeking for more.

Some men are easily excited, but the carpenter manages to keep his spirit-level. and let it fall on the miner's wing, and the miner looked up.

"What have you got?" asked the man at the top.

"Four walls of solid gold," replied the prospector.

"How long have you been on the creekthat is, in the camp?"

"Bout a hundred years, I judge,"

"Say," said the waiking boss, crouching close to the shaft and shading his mouth

The telegrams from Nevada announce the election of Francis G. Newlands to the United States senate from that state to succeed John Percival Jones. Mr. Newlands is an up-to-date, progressive, typical mountain man, who was born in Mississippi, educated at Yale and at a law school in Washington, practiced law in San Francisco married the daughter of the late Senator Sharon, went into politics, was elected to congress in 1892 and has served continuously since. Mr. Newlands has been classed as a "eilverite" until the present winter. Now he appears as a "Democrat," and as a member of that party has been chosen to the senate. He has been one of the most ardent advocates of the free coinage of silver, was vice chairman of the Bryan national committee and has contributed generously to the campaign funds of the Populistic branch of the Democratic perty.

He has a handsome mansion on the outskirts of Washington, and is largely interested in suburban real estate and street car lines. Being a man of public spirit, business sagacity and foresight, he became a pioneer in the development of the suburbs of the capital and has enjoyed the profit that he was entitled to. Mrs. Newlends is an accomplished and popular lady, whose hospitality is much appreciated, and the Misses Newlends are great favorites. Two years ago one of the daughters graduated with bonors at the university here among a large class of men, and her thesis was very highly commended.

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PROSPECTOR IN PARADISE.

with one hand, "have you heard of the new diggin's in Hades?"

"No-what's it like?"

"Well, I've seen them bottling the pure quill—just dipping it up in the ravines and passing it through a funnel and carrying it away to cool. It's a hot country, you know."

A miner died a natural death and went straightway to his reward. He was not the first Troawly to the first Troawly to die a natural death and went straight way to his reward. He was not the first Troawly to far as the narrator.

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since 1873. When his term expires on the 3d of March he will have completed his thirtieth year and fifth term, a record that has been surpassed by three men only and equaled by only two others. In the history of congress only six men have completed five full terms, as follows:

John Sherman of Ohio, thirty-two years, Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, thirty-two years.

Thomas H, Benton of Missouri, thirty years.

years. William R. King of Alabama, thirty

years.
William P. Allison of Iowa, thirty years.
John P. Jones of Nevada, thirty years.
Mr. Sherman's service was not continuous, but extended over a longer time than that of any other man. He went out to take the treasury portfolio in 1877. Mr.

Sworn in two years later, March 4, 1875.

Senator Jones will be sadly missed. He is one of the most respected and beloved men in public life, plain, blunt, generous, full of humor and philosophy. He tells a good story and often cuts deep with his satire, although he is never malicious. Tom Fitch, a reckless companion of his earlier years, came to him one day to borrow money and indulged in a few personalities. Said he:

"Jones, I don't understand it."
"Don't understand what?"
"I don't understand the laws of fate. When I first knew you forty years ago you were a poor, struggling tenderfoot, without a dollar or a friend, and I was rich and influential. Now you are rich and influential and I have neither money nor friends."

"The reason for that is perfectly clear to me" said lones. "The trouble with

to hold religious meetings during the ald's sheerest sympathy in his hour of affliction, a

Canon Ellerton's popular "Savour, Again to Thy Dear Name." was composed so recently as 1886, but has since then been translated into nearly every language and dialect. The story of how Newman wrote "Lead, Kindiy Light," in an orange boat, while becalmed in the Straits of Bonifacio, is well known. "Rock of Ages"—probably the most popular hymn in the English language—was written by Topiady when caught in a thunder storm near Blagdon, in the Mendios. As the London went down in the Bay of Biscay in 1886 the doomed passengers sang this hymn. It was once translated into Hindustani by an enthusiastic native convert and his rendering, literally translated, read thus:

Very old stone, split-for my benefit, Let me absent myself under one of your fragments.

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Champ Clark's first glimpse of an army
was at Mackville, Ky., near his boyhood
home. He was telling a caller, yesterday
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take a bunch of fine horses to a neighboring thicke for purposes of concealmore than the state of the said of the state of

WEDDING HYMN. The now popular wedding hymn, "Oh, Perfect Love," was written in 1883 by Mrs. Dorothy Gurney for her sister's marriage, to be sung to the tune "O Strength and Stay." Sir Joseph Barnby set it to music for the wedding of Princess Louse of Wales. Canon Ellerton's "O Father, Alicreating," was composed at the request of the late Duke of Westminster for the marriage of his daughter to the Marquis of Ormonde in 1876. "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was written by Heber in twenty minutes in 1819, and the only correction he made was to substitute "heathen" in the second verse for "savage."

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A most interesting chapter is that on children's hymns. Charles Wesley wrote the best known of all, "Gentle Jesus, Meek and Mild." in 1740. It has been said that he wrote it for his own children, but this is a mistake, for he did not marry until some years afterward. "There is a Happy Land" was written by Mr. Andrew Young in 1838, at Rothesay, to go with a tune which he had heard a little girl playing. "There's a Friend for Little Children" was written by Mr. Midlane at Newport, Isle of Wight, near the house where Thomas Binney composed his verses beginning "Eternal Light, Eternal Light." The charming child's hymn, "Now the Day is Over," was written in 1855 by the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, author of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The magnificent "Eternal Father, Strong to for "Onward, Christian Folders." The magnificent "Eternal Father, Strong to this admirable volume relates to the hymn beginning "O, Happy Day That Fixed My Choice." This was once sung at the confirmation of one of the royal children by the late queen's desire. The at the confirmation of one of the royal children by the late queen's desire. The next day a leading London paper announced that the hymn had been specially written for the occasion by Tennyson with a scathing criticism that if the poet laureate could do no better it was time objection was raised to his receiving national ray. It was really written by

POSITIVE EVIDENCE.

(Philadelphia Ledger.) (Philadelphia Ledger.)
The court room of a western city was the scene of a rather sensational divorce case not long ago. Habitual drunkenness and general bad habits was the charge of the wife in the role of plaintiff. Excellent evidence was advanced on both sides, and the affair had centered upon one particular night when the defendant's valet was called to the stand and questioned.

"Was your employer intoxicated on the night in question?" "No, your honor."
"What makes you so confident that he

"What makes you so confident that he was sober?"

"He told me to call him early, sir!"
This seemed like solid evidence, but the lawyer for the plaintiff, grasping at what seemed a straw to prolong the case, asked: "What reason did the defendant give for being called early?"

"He said that he was to be queen of the May," was the prompt answer.
The decision of the court followed in just four minutes.

SULTAN'S RIGHT-HAND MAN.

Kaid Sir Harry Maclean, who, as commander-in-chief of the Moorish army the sultan's righthand man in this pres rebellion, ranks high among the fam interested in suburban real estate and street car lines. Being a man of public spirit, business sagacity and foresight, he became a pioneer in the development of the suburbs of the capital and has enjoyed the profit that he was entitled to Mrs. Newlends is an accomplished and popular lady, whose hospitality is much appreciated, and the Misses Newlends are great favorites. Two years ago one of the daughters graduated with honors at the university here among a large class of men, and her thesis was very highly commended.

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THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

He Tells the Astonishing Ending of His Attempt to Carry Off a Safe.

(Chicago Inter-Ocean.) "One of my earliest experiences," said the retired burglar, "was in company with a big-framed, able-bodied man, who

with a big-framed, able-bodied man, who was known to everybody who knew him at all as Big Bill.

"Big Bill had marked down a medium-sized safe which he had seen standing in the back second-floor room of a house where he had gone to beg, and incidentally to prospect, and Bill thought the thing to do with that safe was not to try to open it in the house, but to carry it off and open it at his leisure. And I was to help him.

"The room this safe was in was a kind of an office, or study, or something or other for the man who owned the house. Nobody slept there. This house was in a suburrhan town, and the room's window opened on a nice, smooth, grassy lawn.

"Of course the safe could never be moved across the room and down the stairs without waking up everybody in the house about seventeen times over, but Bill did think that he could dump it out of the window, to fall on that smooth fine, thick sod below, without making any noise at all, and that's what we set out to do with it.

"Bill had a horse and wagon of his own.

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HE WAS FREEZING.

Troubles of a Man Whose Thermometer Failed to Rise With the Heat.

(New York Times.)

more, but the north wind seemed to come in through the window cracks and the shivers had me all over. I struck for window strips and had a row with the landlord. The mercury showed 50 degrees right along, and though I made it hot for the janitor I couldn't get any of it into that blamed thermometer.

"Yesterday I gave notice that I would zet out if they didn't keep me warm. I'm z bachelor tenant paying a good price and generally no kicker, and they didn't want me to leave. About an hour ago the janitor came in to see how I was getting along. He aroused me. He asked if I were sick. I told him I was frozen. He said he thought the room was very warm. Before licking him I showed him the thermometer and told him that was the real test. The mercury stood at 50.

"The janitor swore and went out. He came back in a minute with another thermometer and hung it alongside of mine. It was a fine one, guaranteed to keep perfect records. It marked 65 degrees when he brought it in, and in a minute or two it showed 71. Mine stood at 50. The janitor looked at the two machines and began to grim. I began to unwind the blanket that was around me. The janitor looked scared, but I told him not to run; that I wasn't goding to lick him. The only man that I felt like licking was the one who cold me a thermometer that weuldn't go. You're the one. Now it's up to "ou to apologize, give me a machine that is true or be licked. I've paid my money and you can take your choice."

The druggist apologized and gave the imaginative one a new thermometer.

RAPID-FIRE NOVEL WRITING.

Although Marion Crawford now produces on an average of two novels a vear "Mario's Crucifix" was written in ten days and his "The Tale of a Lonely Parish." a 120,000-word novel, was completed in twenty-four days. It took him, however, eight months to write "Via Crucis." not including the time spent in gathering the material for it. The story of Georse Eliot's reading for "Daniel Deronda" is too old to repeat, but it shows that the actual writing of a book is a small affair compared with the task of getting ready to write one. Harris Dickson's "The Black Wolf's Breed." was written in a little over two months' time. Another piece of quick work was Julia Magruder's "Princess Soma," completed in eighteen days.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

(New York Press.) Consistency is the one jewel that no woman ever wanted her husband to buy for her.

Wives rule the husbands, children rule the wives, and the cook rules the whole bunch of them.

A woman has as much respect for a dector's prescription pad as a man has for a millionaire's check book.

It's mighty hard for a man to understand how a woman who fools around so recklessly in a sleeping car can be so terribly careful about pulling down her bedroom curtains overlooking her own backyard.

DIDN'T MOVE ON TIME.

(New York Tribune.) A typical tough boy, aged 13, was committed to a certain asylum not long ago by a city magistrate.

"What did you do that they sent you here?" asked the superintendent mildly.
"Huh! They sent me up just for playing a game," snarled the boy.

"What game?" asked the superintendent. ent.
"Checkers wid de police," he explained,
"It was me move, an' I didn't move, so
dev jumped me."
He had been arrested for loitering,

THE TROUBLE WITH THE HENS.

(Baltimore American.

An editor who russ a notes and ouery column received the following: "What alis my hens? Every merning I find two or three lying on their backs, toes curled up, never to raise again." The editor replied as follows: "Your hens are dead."